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A Bill

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SENATE BILL

By: Senator C. Penzo

Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WITH FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WITH FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT WITH ANOTHER ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(a)(2)(B), concerning the prescriptive authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as follows:

(B) A collaborative practice agreement with ~~a practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., or a podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine under § 17-96-101 et~~

~~seq., if employed by the podiatrist, and~~ one (1) of the following healthcare professionals who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:

(i) A practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.;

(ii) A podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine under § 17-96-101 et seq., if employed by the podiatrist; or

(iii) An advanced practice registered nurse who has a certificate of full independent practice authority under § 17-87-314.

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